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CONGRESS APPROVES \$2.43 MILLION FOR I-25 PROJECTS IN COLORADO SPRINGS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congress gave final approval to more than \$16 million in funding, including \$2.43 million designated to Colorado Springs, for Colorado highway projects when it approved the 2005 Omnibus spending bill last Saturday, U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) announced Wednesday.

"This is great news for every Coloradan who uses these roads. It will make our roads and highways smoother and safer," Senator Allard said. "I requested funding for these projects because they are high-priority items for the Colorado Department of Transportation. Work will now proceed on schedule."

In Colorado Springs, \$1.688 million will go toward the reconstruction of Interstate 25, as well as an additional \$750,000 for ongoing maintenance.

Funding for these specific projects is being provided in addition to Colorado's share of FY 2005 highway funding under TEA-21 (the 1998 Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century). That share is expected to total in excess of \$400 million.

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